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SUBJ: RPP DEPUTY GENC ATTACKS MULTINATIONAL CORPOR-
ATIONS AT RADICAL LEFTIST MEETING

1. IZMIR NEWSPAPERS REPORT THATT ON AUGUST 5 IN IZMIR 38
LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING TOB-DER, IGD, THE CHAMBER OF
ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS, AND THE TURKISH WORKERS PARTY (TIP)
HELD A MASS MEETING TO DISCUSS "EXPLOITATION OF ATAS AND THE PET-
ROLEUM MONOPLY. THE STAR SPEAKER, IZMIR RPP DEPUTY SULEYMAN
GENC, ATTACKED MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, ASSERTING THAT THEIR
ACITVITIES CONTRADICT TURKISH NATIONAL INTERESTS AND MAKE SOLUTION OF
THE
FOREIGN EXCHANGE BOTTLENECK AND ENERGY SHORTAGE IMPOSSIBLE.
ACCORDINGLY, THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRUBUTION OF ALL NATIONAL
RESOURCES SHOULD BE NATIONALIZED. HE SINGLED OUT THE ATAS
REFINERY AS REQUIRING NATIONALIZATION WITHOUT DELAY, BUT ITS
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PRESENT VALUE SHOULD NOT BE PAID TO THE MULTINATIONAL CORP-
ORATIONS WHO CONTROL IT.

2. ANOTHER SPEAKER, IDENTIFIED AS A SYMPATHIZER OF FORMER
DISK PRESIDENT TURKLER, ATTACKED THE "NEO-COLONIALISM" OF
FOREIGN CAPITAL ASSEMBLY LINES, WHICH HE MAINTAINED COULD NOT
EXIST WITHOUT NATO, CENTO, THE IMF AND THE WORLD BANK. HE SAID

THAT THE RPP ADMINISTRATION IS 100 YEARS BEHIND THE GRASS
ROOTS AND CALLED UPON GENC TO JOIN WITH THE WORKING CLASS.
THIS THEME OF EXPLOITATION OF UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES BY
"IMPERIALISTS" WAS ALSO TAKEN UP BY THE IZMIR PROVINCIAL
PRESIDENT OF THE TIP. PURPORTEDLY IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM
OF THE RPP, GENC SAID THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT FAILED TO SUPPORT
THE ELEMENTS WHICH BACK IT, IT WOULD NOT SURVIVE.

3. BEGIN COMMENT. GENC'S PARTICIPATION AT THIS MEETING POINTS
UP ONE OF THE RPP'S DELEMMAS--TRYING TO SATISFY ITS EXTREME
LEFTWING SUPPORTERS, WHILE NOT BECOMING TAINTED BY MOST OF THEIR
RADICAL DEMANDS. MOREOVER, IT WILL BE HARD FOR THE RPP TO
DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM RADICAL ORGANIZATIONS IF ITS DEPUTIES
SPEAK AT MEETINGS SPONSORED BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS.
INTERESTINGLY, THE ATAS ISSUE HAS NOT FOR THE MOST PART GENER-
ATED INTENSE INTEREST HERE.
END COMMENT. MOFFETT

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